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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reexamination Application of: Martin KELLER et al.

Application No.: 10/626,477

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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATING AND

MAINTAINING CELLS USING GROWTH COLUMNS AND MICRODROPLET-ENCAPSULATION OF CELLS (AS

AMENDED)

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Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu, Ph.D.

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Communication of mailed January 28, 2008, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (the "OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the OA is initially due February 28, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.